WON A COUNTESS IN THE PARK

MISS SMYTH WEDS THE MAN WHO SAVED HER FROM RUNAWAY.

He's a De Caserta With a Title and She's a Philadelphian With Money-Father Objects, but They're Married-Capt. O'Kelly, R. N., Tells the Romance,

On a keen afternoon in last October Count Jean Valerio Manuel de Caserta. quite low in mind, was shelling peanuts in Central Park for the greedy squirrels and discussing with Capt. Jim O'Kelly (R. N., retired) the peculiar humor of the ount, his grandfather, in willing him an estate in Bilboa which he might not enjoy until he had a son of his own.

Capt. O'Kelly was busy with the sparrows and gloomy thoughts of his own. Neither had an idea that Luck was hiding just around the curve of the East Drive ready to shower fortune.

There came to the ears of the two, quite suddenly, the drumming of hoofs somewhere behind the trees far up the drive. O'Kelly's ears caught a woman's shrill call

The squirrels and sparrows scurried and fluttered away as a black horse, bit in teeth, foam flecked, thundered around a curve of the 'drive at 100th street. The bridle rein was swinging over his head, the saddle had slipped to his flank and a white faced woman was hanging desperately to the pommel, sliding nearer and nearer the ground with every lunge the horse

The Count took one side of the roadway. the Captain the other. There was the chance that one might jump and grip the bridle if the other failed. Then the black was upon them in a swirl of dust. The woman, they saw, had fainted. O'Kelly leaped for the bridle rein, just gripped it and hung on while the Count, with a trick the Foreign Legion teaches even better than Wyoming, vaulted to the back of the runaway, slipped, set his teeth, stuck and got his muscular fingers around the horse's black stopped, fagged out.

Both men were sweeps for looks just then, clothes in rags and ribbons, blood streaming from a cut in O'Kelly's arm and the Count's shoulder, where the saddle had torn it. While the Royal Navy man soothed the horse, the Count lifted the girl from the saddle and laid her on the grass. She came to in a few winks, and the one thing she did not say was, "Where am I?"

She used her scant breath in berating as a lady might a goggle eyed person in a rubber coat who had tooted a horrid horn under the nose of her horse. Then she thanked the Count and the Captain very prettily, telling them-the Count in particular, the Captain says-that they had without doubt saved her life, as she couldn't have kept her hold much longer.

Then she gave them her card, from which it appeared that she was Miss Katherine Isabella Smyth of 80 West Seventy-sixth street. Would the Count and the Captain take tea with her? Indeed they and over the samovar they estimated Miss Smyth's attractions with enthusiasm-at least the Count did, the Captain says.

She was something more than 25, undeniably pratty and as undeniably well bred. She was as frank and breezy as a wind from the West and they found her charming -the Count grew poetic, the Captain says.

The long and short of it was that the Count fell in love with her and she with the Count. The Captain was delighted and grumbled advice as was his way. Count proposed, was accepted and a Western Union message informed an old gentleman in Philadelphia that his daughter was about to become the Countess de Caserta. The old gentleman was Thomas Smyth who had made his millions out of coal mines He was long on horse sense and short on romance, the Captain puts it

The message gave him a bad quarter of an hour and he didn't waste any time getting to this city to interview the daughter and the Count. He looked over De Caserta. and told Miss Smyth in a positive sort of way "that he didn't want any foreign nobility in his family." He said he had got along without a Count for sixty odd years and he thought he could struggle along

The Captain proved himself a brick right there. He knew many things about the Count and he recited an Iliad of South Africa and Algeria to the old gentleman of Philadelphia, making out the Count a man of honor and some exploits of note. It was true that the Count was a bit hard up but what of that? Should Riches balk at Love when Romance leads on? Old Mr. Smyth thought that was pretty, but he was set in his way. No' And there was an

His daughter told him cool'y that he couldn't help it. She had a half million of her own that her mother had left her, she said, and if papa didn't want to give in, why he could go straight back to Philadelphia That's just what papa did, omitting quite the parental blessing.

On Feb. 2, in the afternoon, Miss Smyth and the Count de Caserta were married by Dr. Houghton at the Little Church Around the Corner. Capt. O'Kelly gave the bride away and some friends of the bride. Jeanne Tracy Richards and W. L. Richards of the Hotel Bristol, were the witnesses. The very first thing Miss Smyth did then was hand the Count a check for \$75,000, so he would feel independent,

Just one week later they sailed for Europe. landing at Havre and going then to Paris. Yesterday Capt. O'Kelly got a French carle de poste from the Count and Countess. It made him chuckle over his cigarette

Now isn't he the lucky young dog?" said O'Kelly. "Where would be have been If he hadn't been grumbling to me and feeding the squirrels in the park that day. Good llow, gentleman all through, blood as good as the King of Spain's. Yet for four lean years he knocked around New York, seiling cigars, peddling life insurance among the Spaniards and the French and

turning an honest dollar wherever he could. *De Caseria comes of a line that is a branch of the House of Bourbon. He day against Oswald Simpson, who, as O. L. had some rough service with the Foreign Legion in Algiers, where he got the nickname ce diable Caserta.' Then he went exploring in South Africa and got to know more about the Transvaal than Oom Paul. He found a likely spot going cheap, squeezed a bit of money from home, bought

it and settled down. "Along came the ruction between the Boers and the Uitlanders and the Count took a hand. President Steyn of the Orange
Free State made him chief aide-de-camp.
When the bottom dropped out of things

THE BENEDICT" Collar Button, greatly improved. NEW PAT. OCT. 6, '03. TRY IT. For sale only by Benedict Bros. Jewelers. B'way and Liberty St.—Ade.

SHORT LINE TO CLEVELAND.

Pennsylvania Raitroad. Through sleeping car leaves New York daily at 435 P. M., arrives Cleveland 7:15 A. M. Chicago Limited; no extra fare.—Adv.

Steyn sent £250,000 to The Hague in case he might need it in his old age, and De Caserta was chosen from 11,000 men to carry the funds. He got it out of the country under the noses of the British and delivered

it to Steyn's agents in Holland. "When he got back a former Boer spy named MacGregor betrayed him to the The Selection of Cortelyou's Successor as red coats at Capetown. The Count was sentenced to be shot as a spy, but some friends of his in Paris used a bit of influence with Downing Street and they let him go. When the war was over he wouldn't take the oath of allegiance, so they confiscated his farm and exiled him. That

was how he got to New York. "I got to know him through a letter of introduction he brought from an old pai of mine in the Royal Navy, Capt. Baker.

"His wife, it seems, wanted to take a quiet look at life without being tied to a chaperon, and when her dad objected she had a bit of a quarrel, left Philadelphia and came to the Aylsmere apartments at 60 West Seventy-sixth street. She had plenty of money, was of age, and so the old gentleman's objections didn't go very far. That was several months before the little incident in Central Park.

"The Count will have money of his own some day as it has turned out. His grandfather made a will leaving a valuable property in Bilboa, Spain, to him only on condition that he married and got a son. Some day," the Captain went on, "I am going to hear of the birth of James O'Kelly Jean Valerio Manuel de Caserta. That's the best

The Count and Countess de Caserta will return to New York about the 1st of June. They will make their home here and in

BUMP ON THE ELEVATED. Northbound Train Hits Another at a Station

Policeman Hurt. A northbound Third avenue elevated train ran into the train ahead of it at 6:30 o'clock last night at the 138th street station. The first train was about to pull out of the station when the train behind, running perhaps three miles an hour, struck it. Both trains of five cars each were crowded. windpipe choking it desperately until the Most of the passengers who were standing were thrown from their feet. Many of the windows in the two cars were broken and

> Some of those in the rear train attempted to get out on the tracks and walk to the station. Detective Sergeant Pleiff and

continued the trip north. There was no call for ambulances and the police didn't get the names of any injured. The station agents at the station further up the line said that perhaps a score of passengers had been cut by the flying glass, judging from those who got off with handker-

chiefs wrapped around their hands. The only person seriously injured was Policeman Thomas J. Larkin of the Fort Hamilton station. He was standing on the latform of the third car of the rear train. The sudden stop threw him against an iron brace breaking a couple of his ribs. He was taken to the Fordham Hospital.

CAR SMASHES CARRIAGE.

Driver and Four Occupants Hardly Hurt -Carriage a Complete Wreck.

A southbound Sixth avenue surface car were riding yesterday afternoon at Twentyfifth street The carriage was wrecked and the occupants were spilled in every direction, but no one was seriously hurt the carriage and his passengers were Mr.

side. The rear wheels were torn off the another dollar. carriage and it was so damaged occupants received only a few bruises and the driver also escaped injury. The motorman was not arrested

Soon after this accident another southbound Sixth avenue car ran into a truck that was crossing Fortieth street. Hugh Brady was the driver. He was thrown into the roadway, but wasn't hurt.

HURT BY MASTER'S FALL. Central Park Polleeman Injured Chasing

Broker Miller's Runaway Herse. Henry Miller, a broker living at 250 East Forty-sixth street, was driving a horse harnessed to a runabout down the West Drive in Central Park at Seventy-third street yesterday afternoon, when the animal became unmanageable and threw him out. Policeman Boyd, astride Master. one of the best known horses in the Park squad, started in pursuit.

At Seventy-first street Boyd had overtaken the frightened animal and was reaching for its bridle when Master stumbled and fell, throwing the policeman with great force. Boyd's back was badly sprained. The runaway collided with a post at Sixty-ninth street and was stopped by a policeman on foot.

HURT IN BROOKLYN THEATRE. Piece of Metal Falls From Calcium Lamp

Shortly before the close of the vaudeville performance in the Orpheum Theatre in Brocklyn last night a piece of metal about three inches in diameter fell from a calcium light near the ceiling, striking Miss F. C Bromley of 106 Willoughby avenue, who was seated in the orchestra, on the head. Miss Bromley sustained a scalp wound. She was assisted to the theatre office and was attended by her escort, who is a physician. The accident caused some excitement in the theatre, but did not interrupt

RECEIVER FOR WOMEN'S BROKERS O. L. Simpson & Co.'s Assets Now Put at

\$2,000-Liabilities \$100,000. A petition in bankruptcy was filed yester-Simpson & Co., ran a brokerage office at 66 Broadway, with a branch for women in the St. James Building, and who made an assignment on Thursday. William H. Smith was appointed receiver of the assets under a \$1,000 bond. It was said that the unts and office furniture might realize

The firm's counsel said on Thursday that red its liabilities to be about \$100,000 and asse's about \$14 000.

PLAYING POLITICS FOR 1908.

THREE AVOWED CANDIDATES FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

Chairman of the National Committee May Have Some Bearing in the Fight -Fairbanks Opposed to Harry New.

WASHINGTON, March 10.-Republican politicians in Washington are very much ouzzled over the failure of Postmaster-General Cortelyou to make public the name of his successor at the head of the Republican national committee. On Tuesday, immediately following the first Cabinet meeting of the new Administration, Mr. Cortelyou said that it was his intention to retire from the national chairmanship. although he did not indicate when this step would be taken or who would succeed him. There is a suspicion that politics is being played beneath the surface and that it has some bearing on the fight for the nomination for President that will undoubtedly take place in the Republican

national convention in 1908. Friends of Mr. Fairbanks make no pretence of concealment that he is an out and out contestant for the prize. Mr. Shaw, the Secretary of the Treasury, also has the Presidential bee in his bonnet. Senator Joseph Benson Foraker is another oment. But neither Mr. Shaw nor Mr. Foraker is vitally concerned so far in Mr. Cortelyou at the head of the national

Harry S. New of Indiana is the senior member of the executive committee of the bitter hostility between Mr. New and Vice- best to beat the Harriman ticket. President Fairbanks. Formerly they were close personal and political friends, but they fell out as an incident of the factional troub-Hoosier State in the last few years It executive officers. has been the general impression for several telyou from the chairmanship Mr. New would be named as acting chairman, and some of the passengers were cut by flying | carried out. Mr. Cortelyou would not dis- | club's work and life. iss the matter further than to say: "I shall do what is for the best interests

of the party." The Postmaster-General has a very deliseven policemen, who were on the station cate task on his hands. In the first place, platform, ran down the tracks and put a | if he names Mr. New he will be going counter to the wishes of the second man in the After a few minutes delay the trains present Administration, while to the public at large, which is not acquainted with the relations between Mr. New and Mr. Fairbanks, the promotion of the former might be accepted as an indication that the Administration is grooming the Vice-President for first honors four years hence. On the other hand, if Mr. New is not named, politicians might accept it as a sign that the Administration looks with favor on the candidacy of the Vice-President.

> Mr. New's promotion is covertly opposed by the friends of the Vice-President, but so far they have not come out in the open. Whatever Mr. Cortelyou's decision, it is best information at hand at this time indicates that some one else will be selected for the actual chairmanship.

ran into a carriage in which four persons OWL IN UNION SQUARE PARK. Two Dollar Offer for the Bird Leads Only

to a Small Boy's Fall. were going to the West Tweaty-third interested group of men, women and chil- the Fifth street station. eren gazing at the top of the tree. One The car hit the carriage amidships and man ventured the remark that he would station originally arrested Vigilano and shortly before his death. When her only jammed it against an elevated railroad part with \$1 in good money for the owl brought him before Magistrate Moss, who child died she founded the women's colpillar. The occupants fell out on either and another generous citizen raised his bid sentenced him to the penitentiary for three lege in New Orleans as a memorial, giving She had several pupils whose homes she

> That induced a boy to try to climb to the thud. The \$2 offered for the owl didn't trates have no jurisdiction. look as big after he fell, and no one else tried the climb. The owl was still in the on a warrant sworn out by the District same place when night came on.

CORNELL WINS AND LOSES. Downs the Quakers and Is Defeated by Columbia in Triangular Debate.

ITHACA. N. Y., March 10.-Cornell defeated Pennsylvania to-night in their ninth annual debate. The question discus was that of Government control of rail road rates. Cornell supported the affirmative, contending that the Interstate Commerce Commission should have power to

sidetrack evils.

The decision of the judges was unanimous against the Quakers. The judges were William W. Goodrich and Gen. Horatio

The decision of the judges was unanimous against the Quakers. The judges and its products and treating them as analogous to other freight articles.

The Cleveland Petroleum Association C. King of Brocklyn and Mr. John Brisben Walker of Irvington-on-Hudson. President Schurman of Cornell presided.

Columbia's debaters defeated Cornell here last night in Mendelssohn Hall, supporting the affirmative of the same proposition debated in Ithaca and Philadelphia. The decision of the judges was unanimous in favor of Columbia in favor of Columbia

PORTO RICO GOES BACKWARD.

Adopts the Old Spanish Coat-of-Arms in

Place of the American Emblem. the old Spanish coat-of-arms by the Porto Rican Government, to take the place of the new emblem, which is a combination of certain features of the old Spanish coat-ofarms and that of the United States, and arms and that of the United States, and which has been in use in Porto Rico for six years, has caused much surprise in official circles here. Coming as it does with the announcement by the new Porto Rican Delegate that he is in favor of home rule, while his predecessor was in favor of having all Porto Ricans become American citizens, considerable announcement has been ground. considerable apprehension has been aroused that the Americanism of the island is receiving a check.

The old Spanish coat-of-arms, which has been recently adopted in place of the one designed by this Government, has as conspicuous features the initials of Ferdinand and Isabella, a Spanish crown, the lamb of St. John, the island and a bit of sea. The land and sea features were retained in the

SHORT LINE TO CLEVELAND.

PERRY BELMONT OPPOSED. A Fight in the Manhattan Club to Defeat Him for Reclection as a Governor.

When the Manhattan Club elects a class of five governors next Thursday an attempt will be made to defeat Perry Belmont who has been a governor for several years. The club has fifteen governors, who are elected in classes of five for three year terms. The committee on nominations recently chose the following regular ticket John Hone, William S. Rodie, Pierre F. Macdonald, Louis J. Conlan and Perry Belmont. All are now governors except Mr. Conlan, who is nominated in place of the late Ashbel P. Fitch.

Some of the members who frequent the club a great deal are not entirely satisfied with this ticket. They are especially displeased by the renomination of Mr. Belmont, who, they say, has not visited the clubhouse often. They said they would prefer the election of a governor more actively identified with the club. The upshot has been that the younger and more clubbish element has put up an opposition ticket. It differs from the regular ticket only in that the name of George F. Harriman appears instead of Perry Belmont. Mr. Harriman is the head of the firm of Harriman & Fessenden, lawyers at 277 Broadway. He is of the younger element and is actively interested in the affairs of the club.

Since the opposition ticket was put up who will enter the lists at the opportune there has been a marked increase in attendance at the club. Mr. Belmont goes there very often now and is said to be State would not be agreeable to any one | times in the interests of the firm. with political proclivities, his friends say,

only officers for whom the members vote,

months that on the retirement of Mr. Cor- to the regular ticket, but it was so scat- the Harvard and Union clubs here. tered that it did not succeed. Now the

HELD UP THE CONDUCTOR. Passenger Poked a Revolver Under His

Nose While Another Robbed Him. A six footer and a small man, each smooth shaven, got on a car bound from Jersey City to Hoboken at 10 o'clock last night, at Eighteenth and Erie streets, Jersey City. A few minutes later, when the car reached a lonely stretch of road over the meadows, the big man drew a revolver and stuck it in the face of the conductor, Michael Hanan, "Shell out your cash, or I'll blow your

head off," said he. Hanan's hands went up. The little man went through his overcoat pockets. He got \$6.50, but missed a roll of bills in an the car and ran toward Jersey City. The big man fired a shot toward the motorman and yelled to him to go ahead like sin. He bound to create dissatisfaction in some quarters. Mr. New's friends expect that and they were pretty hadly scared. The for the robbers, but hadn't got a trace of SUSTAINS MRS. NEWCOMB'S WILL. them at midnight.

NEW PISTOL ORDINANCE TEST. Vigilano, Released on Writ. Rearrested

Special Sessions to Try Him. Michael Vigliano, the first victim under A big gray owl was perched on the top the ordinance imposing a \$250 fine or six William Karsner of 351 West Forty-ninth | branch of a tree in Union Square Park | months imprisonment or both, for carrying street was driving the team attached to all yesterday afternoon and wasn't noticed a pistol without a permit, was rearrested until late in the afternoon. Then a sharp on a warrant last night, after Supreme and Mrs. Richard Hasse, their bany and eyed boy spotted the bird. He called Court Justice Dowling had set him free on a \$2,250,000. Lizzie Lawless, all of Boonton, N. J. They others and in a short time there was an writ of habeas corpus and locked up in

Detectives Wasserman and Butler of this months.

that it is only fit for a rubbish heap. The top of the tree. The youngster made great Justice Dowling declared that the new gave about one-quarter to her heirs while progress until he got half way up the tree. ordinance was illegal because it makes the she was alive, and upon her death in New to poison herself. Then he slipped and came down with a offence a misdemeanor, over which Magis- York on April 7, 1901, she left a will be-

Vigliano is rearrested on this old charge over \$2,000,000, to the college. new ordinance.

OIL FIGHT STARTS IN OHIO. Independent Company Sues Rattroads-In-

vestigation of the Standard Asked. CLEVELAND, March 10.-The Fred M. Clarke Company, jobbers in oil, with offices at 52 River street, this city, has brought suit against the Lake Shore and Michigan fix and enforce a maximum rate.

The Pennsylvanians contended that the remedy proposed for the present railway evils which they admitted to exist would be only a makeshift and that legislation should rather aim at the private car and private sidetrack evils.

Southern, New York Central and Hudson River, Lehigh Valley, Boston and Maine, and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad companies and the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, charging them with discriminating against petroleum Southern, New York Central and Hudson them with discriminating against petroleum

The Cleveland Petroleum Association has asked the Federal Department of Labor and Commerce to investigate certain evils which it has named and which, it is alleged hamper the independent oil men in competition with the Standard Oil Company. William E. Wall, president of the Fred G. Clark Company, secretary of the Cleveland Petroleum Association and president of the National Petroleum Association, is one of the chief instigators of this movement. Mr. Wall said to-day

"For many years the Fred G. Clark Company has been trying to get its oil into WASHINGTON, March 10 .- The adoption of New England. We have been unable to

GIRL CHASED RAGGS. Found Him in Her Studio-Keys and Dia-

mond Pawnticket Against Him.

Miss Estelle Huntington Huggins, who has an art studio on the third floor at 57 East Fifty-ninth street, met a man coming out of her apartment at 7 o'clock last night with a large cardboard box under his arm. Miss Huggins wanted to know what he was doing there, and he told her to go to Hades. He took to his heels and ran west. Miss

Huggins gave chase, but Policeman V berg relieved her at Madison avenue. man ran south to Fifty-seventh street and then west to Fifth avenue, where he was overhauled by the cop. In his pockets were found ten skeleton keys and an equal number of pawntickets, including one for \$80 for a diamond ring. In the pasteboard box he had a lot of trinkets belonging to Miss Huggins. He said his name was Robert Raggs.

LEAVES A MILLION TO HARVARD

UNIVERSITY TO GET IT AFTER W. F. MILTON'S WIDOW DIES.

Retired Tea Importer Who Made a Fortune in This City and Was Noted as a Breeder of Fine Cattle Requeathes the Bulk of His Wealth to His Alma Mater.

Harvard University will receive \$1,000,000 Milton, a retired tea importer of this city and of Pittsfield, Mass. The bulk of the estate will be used by the widow during her life, and will revert to Harvard after her death. Mr. Milton died at his home here, 500 Madison avenue, on Feb. 28. His will was filed at Pittsfield yesterday. His property is largely in real estate and its value is uncertain, but it is estimated at considerably more than \$1,000,000.

Although Mr. Milton made his fortune in this city, he was much more closely connected with Pittsfield and Boston than with New York. He was born in Massachusetts of an old Furitan family and was graduated from Harvard in 1858. When the civil war began he joined the Twentieth Massachusetts as a Lieutenant. He was wounded at Fredericksburg and came out of the conflict a Captain and Brevet Major

His father had been a tea and silk importer. After the war he went into the same business in New York, becoming a member of the firm of Wetmore & Cryder. advance in the naming of a successor to conducting a vigorous campaign. To be Afterward this firm was reorganized as defeated for reelection as governor of the William F. Milton & Co., with headquarters representative Democratic club of this in Maiden lane. He visited China several

About twenty-five years ago Mr. Milton national committee. There is a feeling of and that is why he and they are doing their sold out his interest and retired. From that time on he lived mainly on Unkamet Governorship in the Manhattan Club is Farm, his large estate in the eastern part important because the governors are the of Pittsfield. Breeding fine cattle was a hobby with him, and his herd of Jerseys les that have disturbed the party in the the board choosing the president and other was one of the best in this country. He kept up an intermittent connection with At the last election there was opposition New York, and retained his membership in

A year ago, after a long tour in Europe, opposition is concentrating its fight against | Mr. Milton took an apartment at 500 Madionly within the last few days has any Mr. Belmont on the ground that he does | son avenue with the intention of spending doubt arisen that this programme would be not take a sufficiently active part in the a part of his time here. In January he was attacked by a complication of stomach

Through his membership in the Porcellian, the Harvard Union and the Alpha touch with Harvard all his life. His marhaving proved to be without issue, he has now left his property to the university. The will bequeaths to his wife, Anna R.

Milton, \$25,000 and the use of his town house and his country place. To Amelia Milton Kohlsaat and Edith Milton Kohlsaat, daughters of a deceased sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Kohlsaat of New York, \$50,000 in trust. To William, Thomas and Constance Milton, children of his brother, Thomas S. Milton of Boston, \$15,000 each. The remainder of inside pocket. Then both men jumped off his estate is left in trust to Bentley W. Warren of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Gustave A. Morgenroth of New York. The profits and income are to be used by Mrs. Anna R. Mil-Mr. Milton was a brother-in-law of George

police of Jersey City and Hoboken searched Worthington, Episcopal Bishop of Nebraska Miss Paula John Found This Morning Ly- places in the vicinity of Mukden."

New Orleans Women's College, Robert E. Devo of 115 Broadway, referee in the suit brought by the beirs of Mrs. Josephine L. Newcomb contesting her will, has reported his decision to Surrogate Fitzgerald. If sustained it will enrich the Miss John was suffering from chloroform directions H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for poisoning. women in New Orleans by more than

Mrs. Newcomb was the widow of Warren Newcomb, a wealthy cotton broker of Louisville, who took up his residence here Lawyer John Palmieri got the writ and left her by her husband, Mrs. Newcomb queathing all her property, then worth

The will was probated in New Orleans. Attorney. The District Attorney will prob- on the ground that it was her residence at ably bring Vigliano before the Court of the time of her death. Her relatives then Special Sessions now to further test the began proceedings to declare the will void, alleging that she was not in her right mind, and asserting also that the will should have been probated here. The case came before Surrogate Fitzgerald in 1902, he contestants being represented by Rollins & Rollins and Austen G. Fox, and the executors by Wilmer F. Canfield and James McConnell of New Orleans.

The mass of testimony taken by Referee

The mass of testimony taken by Referee Devo, who heard seventy-five witnesses

will also include more than five hundred letters written by Mrs. Newcomb in the last thirty years of her life. When printed the arguments and all will cover 7,000 pages, the largest record in the Surrogates' Court of New York. George F. Canfield of counsel for the executors said last night that while the contestants might delay the settlement of

the estate for a time by further proceedings the bequest would undoubtedly be at the disposal of the college trustees at a not very

A SCHOOLBOY'S SENTIMENTS. He Wrote: "President Roosevelt Debased

Himself by Lating With a Nigger.'

WASHINGTON, March 10.-Local public school circles are perturbed over the suspension of Reginald Hodgson, a pupil of the high school, by Miss Westcott, the principal, and his subsequent reinstatement by order of Director of High Schools Hughes. Young Hodgson, at a recitation in English last week, requested permission illustrate the use of the word "debase."

Going to the blackboard he wrote in bold

characters the sentence: "President Roosevelt debased himself by eating with a nigger."

by eating with a nigger."

Hodgson had only recently returned to classes from a term of suspension for repeated defiance of the regulations against smoking during regimental drill, and Miss Westcott, regarding his action as one of "flagrant disrespect" and the culmination of many acts of insubordination, again transported him between the company of the company acts of insubordination, again transported him and ordered him between the company company of the company of ended him and ordered him before the Board of Education with a recommenda-

tion that he be expelled.

Director Hughes, however, ordered the reinstatement of Hodgson, as he did not think the offence called for his dismissal. In his opinion the boy should not be expelled on this particular charge because of the effect it would have on public senti-Quickest Line to Cleveland

Leave New York 532 P. M., arrive Cleveland duction of an entirely new measure.

This next morning, Cincinnati 130 P. M., Indianapolis 830 P. M., St. Louis 935 P. M., by New York After all, USHER'S, the Scotch that mighbell famous. It is the high-Adv.

8 BLOWN UP IN ST. PETERSBURG. Anarchists Destroyed in a House to Which They Had Taken Dynamite.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON March 11.—The Daily Mail in a special edition prints a despatch from St. Petersburg stating that a terrible explosion occurred at 4 o'clock this morning in a house at the corner of Vosnacencky Prospekt and Bolchoia Morskaia, facing the Isaac Cathedral. The entire interior of or more by the will of the late William F. the house, which was leased as furnished apartments, was blown out.

Four men and four women were blown into fragments. The explosion was undoubtedly accidental. It was caused by a bomb which had been brought to the capital in pursuance of the plans of the Anarchists. The victims were those who intended to use it

MOVE TO END THE WAR. Russia Said to Have Announced Her Readiness to Discuss Terms.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 11 .- The Graphic says: "We have reason to believe that the Russian Foreign Office has intimated to the French Government that the Czar is ready to entertain negotiations for the immediate termination of the war and that communications on the subject of mediation are now passing between the French and British Cabinets.

"The Russian overtures will be communicated to Japan by Great Britain at an early date, if, indeed, this step has not

been already taken. "The pacific action of the Russian Government is understood to be not only due to the hopelessness of the military situation in Manchuria but also to the great difficulties experienced in the negotiations for a loan in Paris."

INTERBOROUGH REWARDS. Two Weeks Extra Salary Voted to Every

Employee Who Didn't Strike. The employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company who didn't go on strike will be rewarded with two weeks Delta Phi societies, Mr. Milton kept in close extra pay. The executive committee of resist for many days in the wild country the Interborough directors met yesterday east of the railway, because they will be riage with Miss Anna Miller of Philadelphia afternoon and with the approval of President August Belmont, obtained by wire from Palm Beach, Fla., passed the following

resolution. Resolved. That the thanks of the Inter-Rapid Transit Company b tended to all employees who remained loyal to its interests during the recent strike and that they be given two weeks extra pay in recognition of their faithfulness.

The resolution was made public last night. As it says "all employees," it means every one from Vice-President Bryan and General Manager Hedley down to the

Some 2,000 employees stuck by the company.

ing in Central Park West. Paula John, 25 years old, a teacher of oners and enormous quantities of arms, languages, living at 388 St. Nicholas avenue, ammunition, provisions and supplies which was found lying in the street in front of | we have not yet had time to examine." by a policeman of the 100th street station. He summoned an ambulance from the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where it was said

She has lived at the St. Nicholas avenue house for three months. It is a boarding says that Miss John was brought to her Japanese right wing under Gen. Kuroki. house by the Rev. William Hicks, a curate in St. Agnes's Chapel. Miss John has paid her board promptly and had no callers. \$1,000,000 for that purpose. Of the fortune used to visit. Miss John hasn't been in

RUSSELL SAGE IMPROVING.

His Cold and Sore Throat Almost Well, His Physician Says. Russell Sage, who has been ill with a bad

"Mr. Sage is so much better that I did not go to see him to-day " said Dr. Munn, "but six miles apart east and west, the former I called on him this evening, as I am in the | thirty-two and the latter thirty-five miles

FISHING TRIP FOR ROOSEVELT.

River in August. MABINETTE, Wis., March 10.-President only avenue of escape to the north. Roosevelt and Speaker Cannon have conditionally accepted an invitation to be the guests of Isaac Stephenson, a wealthy Mukden, drove the Russians back to the lumberman of this city, on a fishing trip Hun River, where the Russians rallied on the Escanaba River next August.

TOURISTS' DANGER ON VESUVIUS. Fushun Railway. Americans Escape From Sudden Eruption,

Stephenson to-day on his return from Wash-

but a Guide Is Killed. LONDON. March 10 .- A news agency despatch from Rome says that 120 American tourists narrowly escaped death through a sudden violent eruption of Mount | which cover the field of battle with clouds Vesuvius, which has heretofore been quies- of dust. ent enough to enable any one to approach | From sources other than official, but the crater. There was a tremendous ex- which are trustworthy, it is learned that olosion, accompanied by a shower of lava

Urging the Change. day a resolution will be introduced direct- east of Mukden. ing the heads of the organization to work for the passage of a bill lengthening the Mayor's term of office from two to four years. There is already such a bill pending before the Legislature and it is thought that this action will tend to put new life into it, or to open the way for the intro-

After all. USHER'S, the Scotch that made the ighbell famous. It is the igst. - Ade.

RUSSIANS RUN: JAPS IN MUKDEN

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Thousands of Prisoners Taken and Few of Broken Army May Escape.

BIG GUNS ARE ABANDONED.

Kuroki and Nogi Pressing the Retreating Troops Hard.

Rumors That the Road to Tieling Has Been Blocked and That the Army Is in a Trap -Oyama's Report Says Desperate Fighting Continues at Some Points -Blinding Dust Storm Over the Field of Battle-Kurepatkin to Make His Headquarters at Harbin-Russian Pecple Not Told of the Latest Disaster -Army Men in Washington Believe Kuropatkin's Army Will Get Away.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. NEWCHWANG, March 10 .- The Russians, since they were driven out of Mukden and Fushun and cut off from the railroad. have been retreating in a demoralized condition to the hills to the northeast.

They are moving in detached bodies, sometimes roughly and hastily intrenching to check pursuit. There has been no great rear guard action. It will be impossible for the Russians to

unable to obtain provisions. They will

possibly try to reach Kirin through the valleys, but a special Japanese corps from the Yalu threatens to intercept them. Gen. Kuroki is now moving to the northwest, pushing the retreating Russians

against Gen. Nogi's army. THE CAPTURE OF MUKDEN. Toxto, March 10.-Field Marshal Ovama reports that the Japanese forces captured Mukden at 10 o'clock this morning, and

"Our surrounding movement, in which we have been engaged for some days past,

has now completely succeeded. LANGUAGE TEACHER POISONED. "The flercest fighting continues at several "We have taken a great number of pris-

327 Central Park West early this morning | They have captured practically all the Russian heavy ordnance.

Severe fighting is still in progress in all

It was officially reported to-day that house kept by a Mrs. Blake. Mrs. Blake Fushun was occupied last night by the The Japanese are now attacking the

enemy on a height north of Fushun. A detachment which for several days had been engaged near Tita, on the exvery good health, Mrs. Blake says, but she I treme right of the Japanese front, succeeded knows of no reason why she should attempt at dawn yesterday in overcoming a stubborn resistance and drove the Russians from their positions, pursuing them toward Fushun. A detachment at Machuntan, before whom the Russians south of Fushun broke on Wednesday, also drove them hard. Tita and Machuntan were both only adcold, continued to improve yesterday. Dr. vanced defences for Fushun, which is a John P. Munn, his physician, said last night strongly intrenched camp, with redoubts that Mr. Sage's cold and sore throat were and entanglements and a strong interior keep. Fushun and Mukden are twenty-

The Japanese having cut the railway forming the western side of the triangle. Gen Kuropatkin endeavored to hold Conditional Promise to Go Up the Escanaba | Fushun at all costs, as it was the defence of the double military road to Tieling, his

behind strong fortifications upon the left This announcement was made by Mr. bank. This strong frontal attack was for the purpose of breaking the south side of the triangle, along which runs the Mukden-

MORE SEVERE FIGHTING Especially severe fighting is in progress northeast of Mukden, where the Russians

are making a flerce resistance. Operations are impeded by high winds,

the Japanese detachment which destroyed The visitors made a mad rush for salety the railway has reached a point east of nd fortunately all escaped. A guide, the railway, thus threatening the military A guide, the railway, thus threatening the military road from Fushun, which forms the eastern leg of the triangle.

The attack for the purpose of breaking County Committee Will Pass a Resolution | the base of the triangle, the south side, has apparently been successful, as the latest At the regular monthly meeting of the reports state that the Japanese have pene-Republican county committee next Thurs- | trated seven miles north of the Hun River

LEGATION REPORTS.

WASHINGTON, March 10 .- The following cable message was received at the Japanese Legation this afternoon: "Our troops occupied Mukden at 10 A. M. Friday.

*Our enveloping movement face Sunday